

(c) The overall deficit in power supply expected then can be assessed when the pace of industrial consumption is estimated from schemes to be sanctioned.

### Borewells in Bhalki Taluk, Bidar District

784 SRI BHEEMANNA KHANDRE (Bhalki)—

Will the Minister for Rural Development and Panchayat Raj be pleased to state:—

(a) the number of Bore-well dug for purposes of supplying drinking water in Bhalki Taluk, Bidar District;

(b) number of borewells that were success full and the number of those which have failed;

(c) what alternative arrangement the Government have made or propose to make where bore-wells have failed;

(d) the measures taken to repair the bore-wells;

(e) whether people are asked by the Block Development Officer Bhalki to dig temporary wells and whether such temporary wells were dug and payment towards the same was denied for want of funds?

SRI K. PRABHAKAR (Minister for Rural Development and Panchayat Raj)—

(a) 112.

(b) 1. Successful bore-wells	...	76
2. Failed bore-wells	...	36

(c) Wherever the bore-wells have failed in the Minimum Needs Programme Villages action is being taken to provide another bore-well in such villages.

(d) One Mobile Maintenance and Repair Cell has been set up for Bidar District and the Cell is carrying out repairs to the hand pumps fitted to the Bore-wells which have gone out of Order.

(e) 1. Yes.

2. A sum of Rs. 1,20,640-27 has been paid by the Taluk Development Board to the concerned for the wells deepened and for the temporary wells.

ಶ್ರೀ ಡಿ. ಬಿ. ರಾಮು.—ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರೇ, ತಮ್ಮ ಅಪ್ಪಣೆ ಪಡೆದು ಒಂದು ಮಾತು ತಿಳಿಸಬೇಕಾಗಿದೆ. ಶಾಸಕರ ಭವನದಲ್ಲಿರತಕ್ಕ ಲಿಫ್ಟ್ ದಿನಕ್ಕೆ 5-6 ಸಾರಿ ಕೆಟ್ಟುಹೋಗುತ್ತದೆ.

ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು.—ಈ ವಿಷಯದ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಮಾನ್ಯ ಸದಸ್ಯರು ನನ್ನ ಕೊಠಡಿಗೆ ಬಂದು ಮಾತನಾಡಿದರೆ ಒಳ್ಳೆಯದು.

### CALLING ATTENTION TO A MATTER OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

(i) *re*: Fall in price of Potato and loss to the formers

SRI M. V. RAJASEKHARAN (Uttarahalli)—

I call the attention of the Hon. Minister for Sericulture and Horticulture to the serious loss caused to the farmers on account of fall in prices of potato and the urgent need for the Government to come to their aid.

SRI K.B. SHIVAIAN (Minister for Sericulture and Horticulture).—

I wish to make Statement in response to the calling attention notices by Sri B. N. Bache Gowda, M.L.A. and Sri M. V. Rajashekarar, regarding fall of price of potato.

During last season i.e. during January, February 1979, there was a bumper crop of potato in Northern States. Hence the surplus produce of Northern States has been rushed to the wholesale markets of Tamil Nadu, Bombay and Karnataka. Because of this there has been a sharp fall in potato price during the first fortnight of April, 1979. Now, from 25-4-79 onwards, as can be seen from the following statement the potato price has been steadily increasing.

Statement showing the details of the potato price in the wholesale market, Yeshwanthapura, Bangalore for the last 15 days.

Date	Minimum rate per quintal	Maximum
12-4-79	Rs. 60/-	Rs. 84/-
16-4-79	Rs. 48/-	Rs. 78/-
17-4-79	Rs. 60/-	Rs. 80/-
18-4-79	Rs. 60/-	Rs. 80/-
19-4-79	Rs. 60/-	Rs. 78/-
20-4-79	Rs. 50/-	Rs. 70/-
21-4-79	Rs. 56/-	Rs. 64/-
23-4-79	Rs. 60/-	Rs. 82/-
24-4-79	Rs. 42/-	Rs. 88/-
25-4-79	Rs. 76/-	Rs. 84/-
26-4-79	Rs. 74/-	Rs. 94/-
27-4-79	Rs. 80/-	Rs. 96/-
28-4-79	Rs. 70/-	Rs. 95/-